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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN REQUEST TO VISIT WASHINGTON FOR ASSESSMENT OF
HARPOON MISSILE

1. UNDERSECRETARY OF DEFENSE JOHAN HOLST HAS ASKED FOR EMBASSY'S
URGENT ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING A VISIT BY MOD TEAM TO WASHINGTON
TO ASSESS HARPOON MISSILE. HOLST SAYS THAT VISIT, TENTATIVELY
SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 26-29, HAS BEEN CLEARED BY DDR&E,
BUT FINAL APPROVAL URGENTLY NEEDED TO ALLOW TEAM TO FINALIZE
PLANS.

2. THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO ENABLE NORWEGIANS TO MAKE
DECISION ON SELECTION OF ANTI-SHIPING MISSILE FOR NORWEGIAN
AIR FORCE F-16'S (NORWEGIAN MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT SEES ANTI-SHIP-
PING AS PRIMARY ROLE FOR F-16). INFORMATION AVAILABLE LOCALLY IS
INADEQUATE FOR ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL PERFORMANCE
UNDER GEOGRAPHIC AND WESTHER CONDITIONS IN NORWAY
AND MISSILE DECISION--EITHER HARPOON OR PENGUIN--
MUST BE MADE DURING APRIL.

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3. HOLST REQUESTS THE TEAM VISIT BE CLEARED FOR

DISCLOSURE SECRET DATE RE:

- A - TARGET SEEKER
- B - MID-COURSE GUIDANCE
- C - LAUNCH PHASE
- D - US HARPOON TRIAL RESULTS INCLUDING EVALUATION
OF HARPOON SUB-SYSTEMS
- E - F-16/HARPOON INTERFACE

4. ACTION REQUEST: THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT IS
GIVING MOST SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO ACQUISITION OF
HARPOON. WE RECOMMEND THAT REPLY TO OUR MESSAGE BE
AS FORTHCOMING AND RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO THIS
REQUEST FROM SENIOR MOD OFFIAL.

5. TEAM PARTICIPANTS:

-- MR. ERIK KLIPPENBERG, CHIEF SCIENTIST, BORN 27
MARCH 1926, HEAD, SYSTEMS DIVISION, NDRE. HOLDS
NORWEGIAN TOP SECRETAT AND NATO COSMIC CLEARANCES.

-- MR. EMIL BRODERSEN, SENIOR SCIENTIST, NDRE, BORN
14 JUNE 1938. HOLDS A NORWEGIAN SECRET AND A NATO
SECRET CLEARANCE.

-- MR. ROLF OYSTEIN HEDEMARK, SENIOR SCIENTIST,
NDRE, BORN 30 JULY 1934. HOLDS A NORWEGIAN TOP SECRET
AND NATO COSMIC CLEARANCE.

-- MR. HELGE EKRE, SENIOR SCIENTIST, NDRE, BORN
29 OCTOBER 1932. HOLDS A NORWEGIAN SECRET AND A NATO
SECRET CLEARANCE.

-- MAJOR PER EKHOLDT, RNOAF, BORN 28 NOVEMBER 1933.
HOLDS A NORWEGIAN TOP SECRET AND NATO COSMIC CLEARANCE.
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